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AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0078] with the following paragraph:

[0078] Obviously, it is also conceivable for mould cavities 4 of different shapes to be arranged on the drum 2. In this case, the mould cavities may be of any conceivable form, for example circular or rectangular, but also in novelty shapes, such as in the shape of a Christmas tree, a crescent, a star, a triangle, etc. In an advantageous embodiment, one or more mould cavities may form part of a removable mould which can be releasably attached to the drum. This may, for example, be achieved by providing the drum 2 with a large number of identical holding features around its outer circumference, for example openings arranged in the drum wall and/or coupling means positioned on the outer circumference, a mould fitting into each holding facility, in which case a large number of moulds belong to the moulding machine and are identical insofar as they can be positioned on the drum by means of the holding facilities, but have mould cavities of different designs.

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following Abstract of the Disclosure:

The invention provides methods and moulding devices for moulding three-dimensional products from a mass of foodstuff which is suitable for human consumption, in particular from a mass of meat, in particular chicken. The method comprises filling a mould cavity with a portion of the mass under the influence of a filling pressure exerted on the mass and for a filling period via a filling opening associated with the mould cavity, closing the filling opening of the mould cavity and holding the mass in the

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mould cavity for a fixing period. Then, the mould cavity is opened and the moulded product is removed from the mould cavity. The method uses fixing-pressure-exerting means which are designed to exert a fixing pressure which acts on the mass in the mould cavity after the filled mould cavity has been closed.